

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1854 - SB 2036

March 20, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance providers to offer coverage and benefits to breast cancer patients.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): Such legislation would result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums which exceeds \$100,000 for plans that do not currently offer the mandated breast cancer benefits of the proposed legislation.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will be responsible for the regulation of the mandated benefits for individuals with breast cancer to the same extent that is required to regulate other mandated benefits. Such will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Any increase will be absorbed within existing resources.
- The State and Local Health Insurance Plans currently offer the benefits which are mandated by the proposed legislation.
- The TennCare program is exempted from the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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